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1. ON MAY 25, LABOR OFFICER PAID CALL ON DR. ROGELIO CHAVEZ, PRESIDENT OF THE SUPREME COURT. CHAVEZ IS TO ACT AS TECHNICAL ADVISER TO THE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES ON SALVADORAN DELEGATION TO 1978 ILO CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO CHAVEZ, MINISTER OF LABOR COL. DR. ROBERTO ESCOBAR GARCIA AND MIGUEL ALEJANDRO GALLEGOS, INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOR, WILL BE GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES LGN SALVADORAN DELEGATION; JOAQUIN CHRIST, SECRETARY TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE (ANEP), WILL BE THE SOLE BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE; ANIBAL SOMOZA PENATZI SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE GENERAL CONFEDERATION OF UNIONS (CGS), AND SALVADOR JIMENEZ MOLINA, SECRETARY FOR ORGANIZATION OF THE CGS, WILL BE THE LABOR REPRESENTATIVES. ACCORDING TO ANOTHER SOURCE, DIONISIO ALBERTO LOPEZ BELTRAN, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE WORKERS' ASSOCIATION OF SALVADORAN PILOTS (ASPAS - ONE OF THE

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CGS' CONSTITUENT UNIONS), MAY ALSO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE TO ASSIST THE LABOR REPRESENTATIVES.

2. IN AN EARLIER PHONE CONVERSATION WITH LABOR OFFICER, CHAVEZ HAD SPECIFICALLY ASKED FOR USG VIEW OF THE UPCOMING CONFERENCE AND ITS BEARING ON A POSSIBLE REENTRY INTO THE ILO BY THE U.S. AT MAY 25 MEEMENG, LABOR OFFICER

DREW UPON REF A TO BRIEF CHAVEZ ON U.S. POSITION. WHEN
ASKED WHAT GOES POSITIONS WOULD BE AT CONFERENCE, CHAVEZ
SAID HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS BUT NOTED
THAT

PERSONALLY SYMPATHIZED WITH MANY OF THE POSITIONS U.S.
HAD TAKEN WITH RBUEPECT TO FUNCTIONING OF ILO. HE SPECI-
FICALLY MENTIONED THAT U.S. OBJECTIONS TO CONVERTING ILO
INTO A FORUM FOR ACRIMONIOUS POLITICAL DISPUTES WERE
REASONABLE. HE ALSO SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD U.S. CONCERNS
THAT MEMBER STATES OF ILO MEET THEIR FAIR SHARE OF OPERA
TION
EXPENSES OF ILO. FINALLY, HE EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR
THE CONCEPT OF ESTABLISHING A TRIPARTITE LABOR ORGANIZATION
WITHIN THE LATIN AMERICAN REGION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF
THE OAS (SEE REF B).

3. COMMENT. IS TECHNICAL ADVISOR TO THE GOES REPRES-
TATIVES AND AFORMER MINISTER OF LABOR (1972-1976), CHAVEZ
CAN BE EXPECTED TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE OVER MINISTER
OF LABOR COL. ESCOBAR, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HE AND
ESCOBAR ARE LONG-TIME POLITICAL ASSOCIATES. ESCOBAR ISNEXPECTED
TO
LEAVE SAN SALVADOR AROUND JUNE 3 IN ORDER TO SPEND SEVERAL
DAYS IN WASHINGTON BEFORE PROCEEDING TO GENEVA. IN WASHINGTON,
COL. ESCOBAR IS EXPECTED TO SIGN A LOAN AGREEMENT FOR U.S.
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